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The calendar for the January term of the Supreme Court of Queens County, at which Justice Garret J. Garretson will preside for the first time since his elevation to the Supreme Court bench, is the largest that has been made in Queens County for several years.

The court will open in Long Island City on Monday, and it is the intention of Justice Garretson to prolong the session until the calendar is cleared.

Among the cases to be disposed of are upward of 500 writs of certiorari which have been served on the Gleason assessors in the matter of the review of the new assessment rolls of Long Island City. The total valuation of the city has been raised from \$16,000,000 to \$49,000,000.

The writs of certiorari are the result of efforts made by several property owners to upset this assessment. Mayor Gleason says that his assessors have made a careful estimate of every piece of property in Long Island City and that in no case has property been assessed beyond its real value.

"I have raised some of the property 600 per cent," he said, "and many of these persons have since come before our Board of Assessors and asked to compromise at a 50 per cent increase. The property of R. T. McCabe, of the Electric Illuminating and Power Company, which was assessed last year at \$40,000, was valued by my assessors at \$100,000, and that of the Standard Oil Company was trebled."

FOR IDLE IN THE PENITENTIARY.

Warden Hayes Does Not Know What to Do with His Prisoners.

Law Forbids Employment in Any Way That Will Interfere with Honest Workmen.

Charities Commissioner Burtis Will Be Glad to Furnish the City Authorities with Labor.

THE MEN MUST BE EXERCISED.

Their Idleness Will Mean the Cutting Off of a Yearly Profit to the County of \$12,000, and a Big Deficit.

Warden Patrick Hayes, of the Kings County Penitentiary, in Brooklyn, has an elephant on his hands. In this year, 1897,

he Warden. The only work he can do is to keep the men busy. He says, "I am improving the penitentiary, but I am not improving the men. They are idle and paved and turned into a park."

There is one provision of the law that when the authorities of the city or county make a requisition for men to do public work, the men shall be furnished by the warden. Warden Hayes will be happy to furnish all the men desired.

"We shall be delighted," said Charles Commissioner Burtis, "to furnish the city with labor for cleaning sewers and work of that kind. It seems a great pity. The law says practically that we shall use the labor for nothing at all. We cannot even break the stones on our own grounds and sell them. Most of the prisoners are young and able-bodied. They want to work. We can give them very little to do under this law. We can still make shoes and clothing for the inmates of the institution, but the work is very light when divided among so many men."

"We shall have to do our best to keep the men employed in some way. The Warden will see that they get plenty of exercise if they have to shovel sand."

THRUST OUT INTO THE COLD.

Husband Beat Her, the Woman Said, When She Recovered Consciousness.

Mrs. Robert J. King, of No. 93 Greenpoint avenue, Long Island City, was found by Policeman Gustin at 12:20 o'clock yesterday morning lying unconscious in the hallway of her home. Her head and face were covered with cuts and bruises. An ambulance was summoned.

She was conveyed to St. John's Hospital, where she recovered consciousness long enough to say that her husband had beaten her and thrust her out into the hall. King was arrested.

JERSEY CITY'S NEW CITY HALL OPENED.

Mayor Wanser Received in the Fine \$900,000 Building.

His Good Right Hand Badly Used Up by His Enthusiastic Fellow Citizens.

Commissioners and Heads of All the City Departments Helped His Honor to Entertain.

RECEPTION LASTED FOUR HOURS.

Citizens Who Inspected the New Building Highly Pleased—The Old Hall to Be Deserted January 15.

Jersey City's new \$900,000 City Hall was thrown open to the public yesterday, and Mayor Wanser and the city officials re-

ceived fully five thousand callers. The reception lasted from 2 to 7 p. m. Prior to that the Mayor received the heads of the different departments and other city officials.

President Emil Datz, of the City Hall Commission, who is also custodian of the building, was master of ceremonies, and piloted the visitors through the hall.

The people entered at the Grove street entrance. From there they were ushered to the Mayor's office. The latter stood near his desk, which was covered with flowers, potted plants and palms.

The Mayor shook hands with so many people that his right hand was badly swollen.

Among those who assisted the Mayor in receiving were Comptroller George R. Hough, Collector S. H. Smith, Tax Commissioners J. H. Love, J. C. Clarke and Richard Lahey, Street and Water Commissioners Brown, Harding, Kaler, Holm and Boltwood, Treasurer S. D. Dickinson, Finance Commissioners Brantigan, Detwiler, Simpson, Bailey and Kellers, Appeals Commissioners Warner, Landine and Carberg, Assessment Commissioners Carr, Schmitz and Cronan, Mayor's Secretary John J. Nevin, G. F. Farrell, clerk of the City Commission, Corporation Counsel Blair, Corporation Counsel to the Mayor, Clerk O'Donnell and Clerk Bouten, of the Street and Water Board.

An orchestra furnished music and refreshments were served.

The visitors expressed themselves as pleased with the new hall.

The building occupies the entire block bounded by Mercer, Grove, Henry and Montgomery streets. Its exterior is of granite and Indiana limestone. Work on it was commenced three years ago.

The old City Hall, which was built in 1891, will be vacated on January 15.

Mayor Fagan, of Hoboken, and the Mayors of the towns in the upper part of the county, also received calls.

IT IS LIKE A FUNERAL BELL.

Demarest Firemen Do Not Like the Tone of Their New Alarm Gong.

Hackensack, N. J., Jan. 1.—An interesting dispute is now being waged at Demarest, a thriving village six miles north of here, over the melody of a fire alarm bell. The firemen claim that the notes of the bell are too much of a religious tone and contain too little clang and alarm for fire purposes.

Demarest is built on the east slope of the Teanack ridge, facing the west slope of the Palisades, only a mile away. The bell manufacturers claim that the valley between the two steep ridges demands a low note rather than a short, sharp one, which, they say, would lose its effect between the hills.

The firemen, on the other hand, refuse to accept or pay for the alarm bell.

The firemen had planned to hold a New Year's Eve stag last night to see the last of '96 and intended to clang their bell to call their members and guests together, but the plan was given up.

"It would sound more like a call to a religious watch meeting, and we will not use the thing," said one of the firemen, referring to the bell.

Harsh things have been said about the bell both by the firemen and the agent of the manufacturers. A law suit has been talked of, but it is the general opinion that the bell will be changed to please the firemen.

NEWARK RETIRING BONDS.

Encouraging Financial Report by the Sinking Fund Commission to Be Presented To-day.

Newark, N. J., Jan. 1.—At the next meeting of the Common Council the annual report of the Sinking Fund Commissioners for the year just closed will be presented. The report will show that permanent long and short term bonds amounting to \$303,000 were retired during the year, and \$303,000 new bonds issued. This reduces the bonded indebtedness of the city \$387,000, which will leave it at \$13,773,000, against \$14,160,000 on January 1 of last year.

This does not, however, mean a net reduction of \$387,000, for of the \$303,000 bonds retired, \$547,000 came from the sinking fund, which decreases that fund to \$2,353,315.52 against \$2,900,315.52 on January 1 last. It is likely that the net reduction in the city debt will be about a quarter of a million, which will leave it an even \$11,000,000.

Of the bonds retired \$450,000 were funded debt bonds, issued in 1886, and bearing 7 per cent interest, retired April 1; \$97,000 tax arrears 4 1/2 per cent bonds, issued in 1886. From the fund provided by the tax ordinance, \$100,000 paying 4 1/2 per cent bonds were retired, also \$40,000 school bonds, running for three years at 4 per cent.

The bonds issued during the year were \$100,000 4 per cent twenty-year High School bonds, \$40,000 twenty-year 4 per cent water bonds, \$60,000 ten-year tax arrears bonds, and \$100,000 three-year school bonds.

During the year just begun, \$503,000 long and short term permanent bonds will fall due. Of these \$148,000 are sewer bonds, \$75,000 tax arrears bonds, \$80,000 school bonds, \$100,000 paving bonds, and \$100,000 water bonds.

ELECTS A PRESIDENT TO-DAY.

Long Island City Board of Aldermen to Give Out Offices.

The Common Council of Long Island City will meet at 2 o'clock this afternoon for the purpose of electing a president, a finance clerk and probably a City Clerk for the ensuing year.

The majority of the Council—Aldermen Smith, Geiser, Bomley and Flanagan—are opposed to Mayor Gleason. It is believed that President Smith will be re-elected for another term. Ex-City Clerk Thomas Murphy, who was removed by Mayor Gleason, will be elected finance clerk.

In the event of the Mayor being removed from office the President of the Common Council would probably succeed him.

The trial of the case involving Mayor Gleason's citizenship is perpetually postponed for final hearing before United States Judge Wheeler on Tuesday next.

KEARNY'S BOND ISSUE.

The Citizens Believe It Is Designed to Help Along Consolidation with Harrison.

Criticism of Town Counsel J. F. Crowley's notice of his intention to apply to the Legislature for an act to empower the Kearny Town Board to issue bonds for street improvements is increasing. It is now claimed by several large taxpayers that it is the hidden purpose of the measure to permit of a large bond issue for the proposed improvements so as to make the bonded indebtedness of Kearny equal that of the town of Harrison, thus taking away one of the most striking objections to the consolidation of the two municipalities by the opponents of that measure.

It is claimed also that the wording of the notice is such that all of the bonds may be issued immediately after the measure is adopted. Those who criticize the proposed legislation say that this would undoubtedly be done so as to make certain the passage of the consolidation act which Assemblyman Wildman is credited with having drawn up.

"Two Orphans" Played for Charity.

Orange, N. J., Jan. 1.—The Young Men's Catholic Literary Union of this city, presented "The Two Orphans" in Columbia Hall Theatre here to-night. The performers were all from this city. The cast included C. J. Barrett, Frank A. O'Connor, Patrick Scully, Henry O'Hagan, James D. Moriarty, Michael E. Moriarty, J. Lannan, Thomas Flanagan, N. J. Moriarty, Joseph Moriarty, Thomas Moriarty, J. D. Moriarty, Mrs. J. D. Moriarty.

NEWARK TO TWO NEW

Coming Year Will See Other Improvements.

High School to Be Built at Cost of a Quarter of a Million.

Old City Hospital Will Be Replaced by a Building on Modern Plans.

NEW POLICE HEADQUARTERS.

The Proposed Disinfectant Station, School Annexes and Fire Houses Will Add to the City's Appearance.

Newark, N. J., Jan. 1.—The new year just begun will prove a banner year in the history of this city. Great progress will be made in improvements if all things at present contemplated are carried out.

Ere the close of the year two handsome parks will be thrown open to the public and will prove delightful breathing spots to the residents of the sections where they are located.

One of these, Branch Brook Park, which will extend from Orange street to Bloomfield avenue, and eventually it is believed will absorb the beautiful private park of Millionaire William Clark, which covers many acres north of Bloomfield avenue, will prove a great boon to residents of the Seventh, Eleventh, Eighth and Fifteenth wards. This park, which when completed, will be the largest in the city, will be one of the most picturesque in the country.

The other park, which will be located in the Tenth Ward, where six city blocks have been purchased by the Park Commissioners, will be larger than any park at present in the city. It will be a treat to all residents of the "Iron Bound District," or that section of the city east of the railroad. Like Branch Brook Park, the landscape architects claim it will be, when completed, very picturesque.

Both parks will be equipped with ample play grounds for children and exercising grounds for adults.

In addition, Branch Brook Park will have a large lake, which will be used for boating in Summer and skating in Winter.

Of the other improvements, the proposed new high school, which is to be built at a cost of a quarter of a million, will probably be one of the most important. It is to be erected a short distance from Branch Brook Park, on one of the highest spots in the city. The grounds which will surround it at present afford a most commanding view of the entire city, Hudson County and New York.

Another important improvement will be the proposed new City Hospital. This is something that has been long needed, as the present hospital is a ramshackle building, totally unfit for the purposes for which it is used. The proposed new building will cost \$250,000, and will be built on the site of the present building.

Other improvements will be the disinfectant station, the proposed new police headquarters, new engine houses and several public school annexes. Taken all in all, the proposed improvements will greatly enhance the beauty of the city.

IS QUIMVAN A FIREBUG?

United States Express Stables in Jersey City Fired—Accused Had Made Threats to Throw the Men Out of a Job.

George N. B. Quimvan, thirty-nine years old, of No. 240 Communipaw avenue, is locked up in Jersey City Police Headquarters under suspicion of arson. Fire was discovered shortly after noon yesterday in the hayloft of the United States Express stables, near the Central Railroad tracks. It was easily extinguished before the arrival of the firemen.

When an investigation was made by Assistant Chief Deane it was discovered that the hay in the loft had been saturated with kerosene. This led to Quimvan's arrest. He had frequently threatened that if he was not given steady employment he would put all the others out of a job.

The man denies that he knows anything about the fire. He will be arraigned before Justice Potts, in the First Criminal Court, to-day.

INTELLIGENT JERSEY DOGS.

One Saved the Household from Burning.

The Other Defended His Dead Master.

Washington, N. J., Jan. 1.—Charles Mills, a farmer at Johnsonsboro, ten miles from here, owned a large shepherd dog. On Tuesday night Mills was awakened by the loud barking of the dog. He discovered that the lower part of the house was in flames. The smoke was so dense that he was unable to go downstairs, and he and his family succeeded in getting out of the house by means of a tree which stood close to the roof of the front porch. Mills was unable to liberate the dog, which was burned to death.

John Morrison, a silk printer and dyer, was fatally injured by falling down an icy pair of steps on Tuesday. His small bull terrier was with him when the accident occurred. Morrison was taken to his home. The terrier followed and climbed on the bed alongside of his master. The man died at 3 o'clock the next morning and the attendant hurried for an undertaker. In his absence the dog had assumed charge of his master's remains and would allow no one in the room. It was 11 o'clock the next morning before the undertaker could attend to the corpse, and admission to the room was then gained by the arrival of Mrs. Morrison, who came up from Pateson. The terrier knew her and was pacified by her presence.

RHOADES'S STREAK OF LUCK.

Sheriff Wesner Gave Him His Liberty and a Roll of Bills.

New Brunswick, N. J., Jan. 1.—Early in August of last year George Rhoades, a tramp, happened to be sitting on the station platform at Vandewater's Crossing, waiting for a freight train to come along. He was just dozing off when he heard the noise of hurrying voices, and, looking up, saw two young men scuffling. Then, according to his story, he saw one man fall the other with a coupling pin.

He was arrested and lodged in Middlesex Jail as a witness. Joseph Farke was arrested for the assault. The case was tried last Monday, and Farke was acquitted on the evidence.

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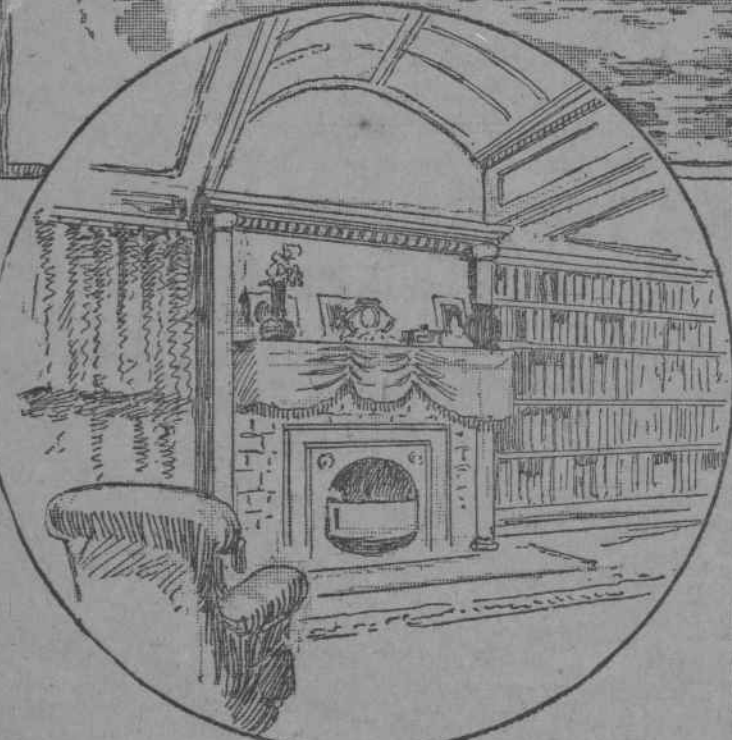
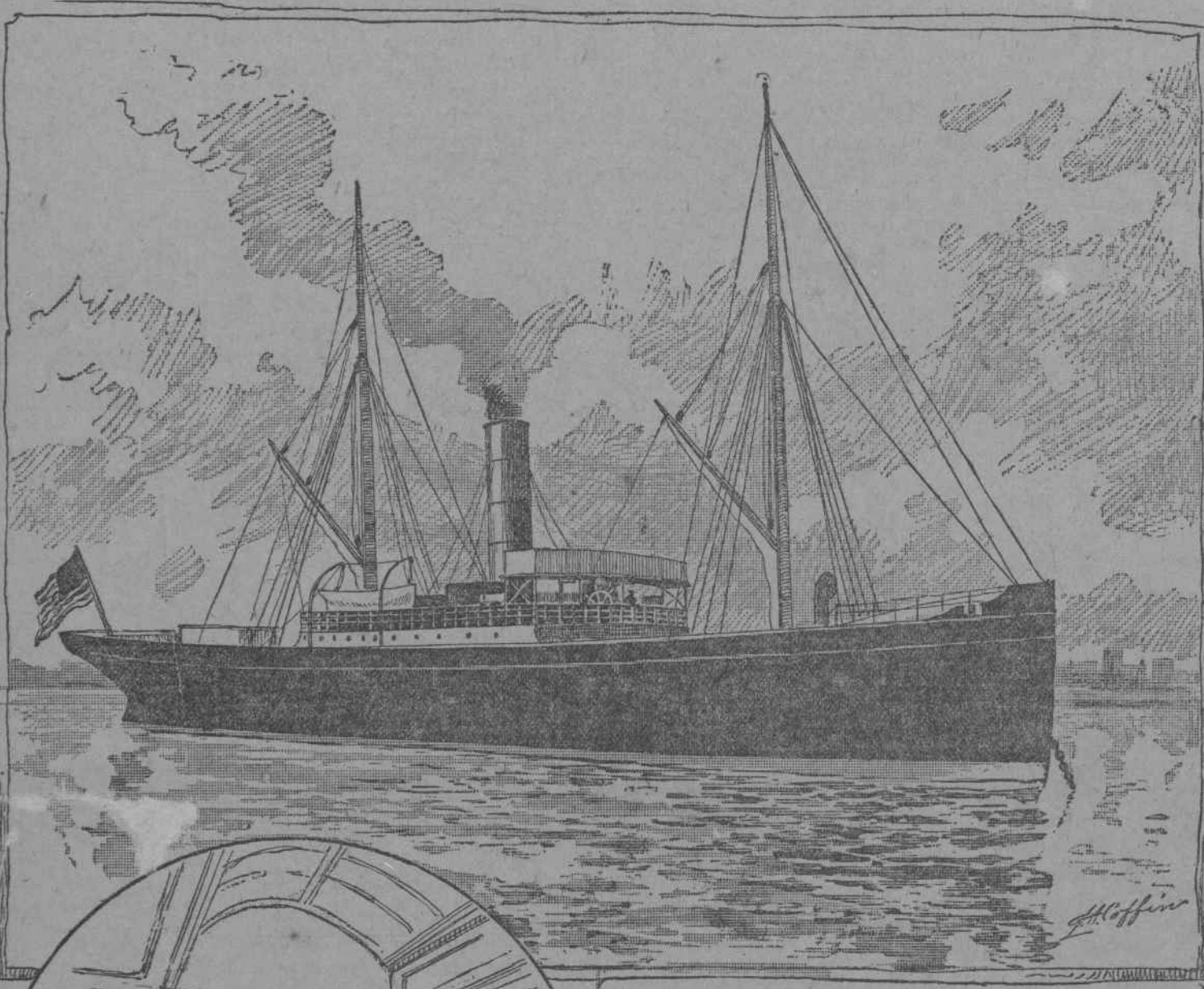
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Miss Susan De Forrest Day's Yacht Scythian.

MISS SUSAN DE FOREST DAY, who was elected the fifth flag member of the New York Yacht Club last May, will leave New York about the middle of January on her yacht Scythian, for a cruise to the West Indies. She will be accompanied by a small party of friends. The Scythian is now anchored at Staten Island, and is being put in readiness for the prospective voyage, the length of which has not yet been determined. Miss Day is spending the holidays with friends in this State, and will return to the city only just prior to the time of leaving on her yacht. She is a wealthy young Southern woman, of about thirty, and has made this city her home for about a year.

Petite and pretty, of a decidedly brunette type, she is also possessed of a great amount of energy. Perhaps it was this latter quality, taking the form of a desire to rove, that induced Miss Day last Spring to purchase the Scythian, which at that time was an unpretentious Bohemian craft; in other words, a tramp steamer. To-day its only reminder of past days lies in its substantial build. Otherwise it has been completely metamorphosed. Its interior has been done over in white and gold, with furniture to match.

The Scythian is 130 feet 6 inches long, 21 feet 1 inch beam, and 9 feet 9 inches draught. She is of steel throughout, and has a double bottom aft, with a capacity of thirty-two tons of water. She is schooner rigged, and has four watertight bulkheads. Captain Richardson is the master.

Miss Day has always been devoted to the sea, and is a firm believer in the efficacy of its air as a tonic. She is not strong physically, and that is one of the reasons why she has determined to spend most of her time on the water.

Henry F. Jones, of the coal firm of D. S. Jones & Co., says that the greatest injustice was done by the Gleason men in making the assessments. "I know several pieces of property," said Mr. Jones, "that would not bring more than one-half what they are now assessed for in open market. That of Oliver L. Jones, of Ogden Bay, and Ayer, the patent medicine man, are notable, but not isolated, examples of this unjust discrimination. If the Gleason men were bent upon meting out justice to all parties they would assess all the city property on a 50 per cent basis, for example, just as banks do, and thus be fair to everybody. But they adopted no standard, and as a result, one piece of property is valued at double its real value, while an adjoining one would sell for treble what the Gleason men assessed it for."

PROCEED HARRIMAN.

The Position Made Valuable.

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